

SOUTH DAVIS COUNTY TRANSIT DEIS Centerville Sub-Committee Meeting No. 2 - Summary

Project:
South Davis County Transit DEIS

Meeting Purpose:
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Meeting
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
April 19, 2007

Location:
MTC Building (500 North Marketplace)

Attendee

Angelo Papastamos
Kerry Doanne
Bill Lieberman
Megan Taylor
Saffron Capson
Kim Clark
Jacqueline Jensen
Colleen Lavery
Robin Hutcheson
Jon Nepsted
Ann Fadel
David Gill
Cory Snyder (representative)
Tami Fillmore
Phill Sessions
Rick Bangerter
Kathy Helgesen

Representing

UDOT
UTA
Carter & Burgess
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H.W. Lochner
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Meeting Summary:

Questions

K. Clark began by asking attendees if they had any questions regarding the South Davis Transit Study. She reviewed the project's process and answered questions attendees had including next steps in the process, WFRC's role, and the FTA process.

Process

K. Clark explained where the project currently is in the overall process. She indicated that the purpose and need and evaluation criteria for the project are currently being developed. Input from the next round of sub-committee meetings will also be used to accomplish these tasks.

Identification of Goals and Objectives

It was explained the community visions identified at each of the sub-committee meetings were used to create a list of goals and objectives for the project. At the regional workshop the list of goals and objectives was prioritized. K. Clark highlighted some of the highest ranking goals and objectives, including the number one goal to

“create a complete transit system within the region that connects to transit options serving outside the region.”

Identification of Problem Statements

It was explained the community needs and concerns identified at each of the sub-committee meetings were used to create a list of problem statements for the project. The project team summarized the list into 14 problem statements. K. Clark reviewed the 14 statements with the sub-committee.

Purpose and Need

The development of a “purpose and need” statement is part of FTA requirements for this project. K. Clark explained that “goals” and “purpose” are interchangeable terms, as are “problem statements” and “needs”. Draft purpose statements for the project were reviewed along with each of the corresponding needs. Materials to back-up the development of the draft purpose and need statements were provided as handouts to all of the sub-committee members.

Future Conditions

R. Hutcheson gave a brief overview of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) regional travel model. She explained input for the model included population, employment and proposed transportation improvements (including Legacy Parkway, Commuter rail, Salt Lake City light rail and BRT projects, the updated bus network, 500 South improvements, Redwood Road improvements and I-15 HOV improvements). Maps illustrating model inputs were shown. It was noted the WFRC demographic projections for 2030 were supplemented by individual meetings with each city in the study area. Information was divided into Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ's) to help organize the regional data at a local level. Future traffic conditions, travel demand and transit demand maps were also shown.

Objective Exercise

Following is a list of objectives identified by the Centerville Sub-Committee members, grouped under purpose headings:

Purpose # 1:

Create a complete transit within the region that connects to transit options serving outside of the region.

Objectives:

1. Cost-effective solution.
2. Improve reliability.
3. Reduce wait times.

Purpose # 2:

Improve east-west connectivity.

Objectives:

1. Minimize disruptions of existing east/west through patterns created by north-south transit/transportation options.

Purpose # 3:
Reduce auto congestion.

Objectives:

1. N/A

Purpose #4:
Integrate transit investments and land use plans.

Objectives:

1. Provide opportunity to communities to implement community supported land use change with consideration of transit.
2. Should reflect the community ambience (i.e. landscaping, lighting, etc.)

Purpose # 5:
Increase transit ridership especially during commute times by improving motorized and non-motorized infrastructure that serves transit and providing attractive passenger amenities.

Objectives:

1. Increase knowledge of transit systems and its benefits (attractive to all).
2. Educate transit riders with an attractive theme to invite increased ridership (especially buses).
3. Educate transit riders on the benefits of the transit system and park and ride options.
4. Improve physical conditions and safety at bus stops.

Comments/Solutions:

1. Smaller, more full buses
2. Reduce size of buses to fill them more easily

Future Meetings

Sherri Lindstrom, Tami Fillmore, George Fisher, and Jim Pedersen will represent the Centerville Sub-Committee at the Regional Workshops. The next sub-committee meeting will be held on August 23 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the MTC building.

Any discrepancies with this meeting summary, please notify Jacqueline Jensen.

Cc: Attendees, Project Contact List, Centerville Sub-Committee Members